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125TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1257, L.D. 1705, “Resolve, To Create the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children”

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the first line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "12" and inserting the following: '13'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines 24 and 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'5. A representative of a sexual assault crisis and support center involved in the prevention of child sexual abuse, appointed by the Speaker of the House;'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 8 (page 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'8. A representative of a statewide coalition against sexual assault, appointed by the President of the Senate;'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 9 in the first line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 10 (page 1, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'10. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services, or the commissioner's designee; and

11. A representative of a community-based youth-serving organization, appointed by the President of the Senate; and be it further'

Amend the resolve in section 6 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "private organizations;" the following: 'and'

Amend the resolve in section 6 by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 (page 2, lines 20 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'3. Recommend policies to prevent and address sexual abuse of children, including age-appropriate curricula for students in prekindergarten to grade 5; methods for

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1 increasing teacher, student and parent awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of
2 children, including warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of sexual abuse;
3 actions that a child who is a victim of sexual abuse may take to obtain assistance and
4 intervention; and available counseling options for children affected by sexual abuse; and
5 be it further'

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment changes the composition of the Task Force on the Prevention of
8 Sexual Abuse of Children and increases membership to 13 members. It changes the task
9 force duties to clarify that the task force is directed to make recommendations to prevent
10 and address child sexual abuse.